

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Shimoji et al.
App. No	: 10/564,874
Filed	: January 17, 2006
For	: SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	: Orkin, Alexander J.
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Conf No.	: 3870

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2009**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

No amendments are being requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.